conditions created by intimidation, gheraos, assault etc by the Forward Seamen's Union of India in the context of National Maritime Board Agreement.

(d) and (e) Government has decided in terms of section 150 of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 to refer the disputes submitted by the Forward Seamen's Union of India to the Tribunal for adjudication.

Delhi University Merit Promotion Scheme

2770. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the statement made in response to Rajya Sabha Calling Attention dated 21st February, 1986 and the answer to Starred Questions 42 and 46 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1987 and state:

(4) whether Government/University Grants Commission have agreed to continue the Delhi University Merit Promotion Scheme (DUMPS) under Ordinance? XI, XII and XXIV;

(b) if so, what are the reasons why the teachers who opt for DUMPS and are promoted to post/scale of Reader or post of Professor, are to be given lower grades of pay (i.e. 3O00-50O0|450O-5700) than those who have been promoted under DUMPS between 1983 and June 1987; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to remove this anomlaly and if so, what are the details thereof?

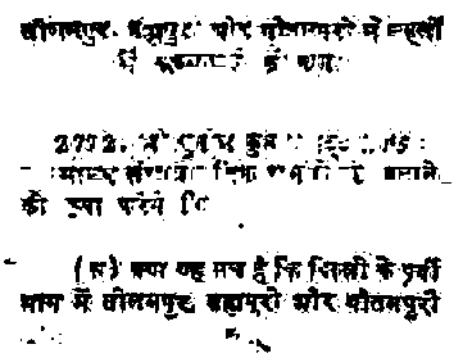
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) According to the scheme or revision, of pay scales, communicated by the GovernmeiHt of lndia on June 17, 1987 a provision has been made under which those teachers o any University who prefer to remain *fa the* existing Merit Promotion Scheme will have the option to do so. Accordingly, the Delhi University Merit Promotion Scheme will continue to be in operation in respect of teachers of Delhi University who opt for it. However, those who wish to continue under the scheme would be entitled only to the replacement scales of the Fourth Pay Commission and not the upgraded scales of Readers and Professors. The upgraded scales of Readers and Professors are part of a package involving certain conditions of achievement and assessment. There is no proposal to review this decision.

Nehru Yuva Kendras in Assam

2771. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRA-VARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up Nehru Yuva Kendras at Jorhat and Mangald'ai in Assam; and

(b) if so, by when these Kendras are expected to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIN ISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These Kendras are expected to start functioning by the end of Vllth Five Year Plan period.